



State of California

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Governor Schwarzenegger is committed to providing services for persons with disabilities and seniors in the most integrated setting possible and adopting policies and practices that make it feasible to remain in the community and avoid unnecessary institutionalization.

The Governor's Executive Order S-18-04 directed Agency to establish the Olmstead Advisory Committee to inform the Administration's understanding of the current system of care and provide leadership in developing future initiatives. Given the scope, complexity and importance of these activities, it is crucial that the committee have the benefit of dedicated and knowledgeable individuals who can help improve California's long-term care system.

Agency received numerous applications from many qualified and dedicated individuals. To enable the committee to effectively accomplish its work and balance the interests represented, the number of members was limited to 30. The individuals selected for the committee include consumers, providers, family members and advocates representing persons with disabilities and seniors. Agency is pleased that Brenda Premo, director of the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions at Western University of Health Sciences and a former director of the Department of Rehabilitation, has agreed to serve as chair of the committee. Supporting Brenda and the committee in its work is newly appointed Sarah Sutro Steenhausen, assistant secretary for long-term care. Sarah joined Agency on February 1 after having served as consultant to the Senate Subcommittee on Aging and Long-Term Care.